

BEFORE THE FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

In the Matter of)
) MUR 4843
Friends of Maurice Hinchey and)
Frank Koenig, as treasurer)

CERTIFICATION

I, Darlene Harris, recording secretary for the Federal Election Commission executive session on January 11, 2000, do hereby certify that the Commission decided by a vote of 5-0 to take the following actions with respect to MUR 4843:

1. Find reason to believe that Ansaldo North America, Inc., knowingly and willfully violated 2 U.S.C. §§ 441b and 441f, but take no further action with regard to this respondent and send a letter of admonishment.
2. Find reason to believe that Besicorp Group, Inc., knowingly and willfully violated 2 U.S.C. §§ 441b and 441f, but take no further action with regard to this respondent and send a letter of admonishment.
3. Find reason to believe that Michael Zinn knowingly and willfully violated 2 U.S.C. §§ 441b and 441f, but take no further action with regard to this respondent and send a letter of admonishment.
4. Find reason to believe that the Friends of Maurice Hinchey Committee and Frank Koenig, as treasurer, violated 2 U.S.C. §§ 441b and 441f, and 11 CFR § 103.3(b), and enter into conciliation.

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5. Find reason to believe that Besicorp Group Inc., and Michael Zinn, as CEO, violated 2 U.S.C. § 441b by making corporate in-kind contributions to the Friends of Maurice Hinchey, but take no further action with regard to these respondents and send a letter of admonishment.
6. Enter into conciliation with the Friends of Maurice Hinchey Committee and Frank Koenig, as treasurer.
7. Approve the appropriate Factual and Legal Analysis and letters, as recommended in the General Counsel's Report dated December 17, 1999.
8. Approve the conciliation agreement, as recommended in the General Counsel's Report dated December 17, 1999

Commissioners Mason, McDonald, Sandstrom, Thomas,
and Wold voted affirmatively for the decision.
Commissioner Elliott was not present.

Attest:

January 12, 2000
Date

Darlene Harris
Darlene Harris
Acting Deputy Secretary
of the Commission

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